With the above, it is expected that the sale of decoders at present lying with ET&T would pick up.

Setting up of plants to produce fuel and Zircaloy

765. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nuclear Fuel Complex is going to set up large plants to produce Fuel and zircaloy components for nuclear power reactors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with their location and estimated cost; and

(c) by when these plants are likely to start production and what technology would be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nuclear Fuel Complex is going to set up projects to produce fuel and zircaloy components for the nuclear power programme in the country. These plants will be located at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, Turamdih (Bihar) and Palayakayal (Tamil Nadu) at a total estimated cost of Rs. 1200/- crores.

(c) The plants are expected to go into production progressively from 1993. Indigenous technology will be used for setting up these plants.

Blood testing of patients administered with blood products

766. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Health Services has appealed to the general public all over country to get their blood tested in case they had taken blood products during the last 2 years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the AIIMS, New Delhi has been able to contract all the patients whom the vaccine was administered and their blood tested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes,

(b) and (c) HIV antibodies were detected in some of the products implying that some of the donors who donated blood were sero-positive. As a matter of abundant precaution, it has been decided that all such blood products be withdrawan and destroyed. An appeal has been made that all persons who have taken blood products during the last two years may contact the nearest surveillance centre for screening for HIV infection.

No report has yet been received from the surveillance centres.

Racket in purchase of drugs by the Central Medicines Supplies Directorate

767. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 21st March, 1989 regarding racket in the purchase of drugs by the Central Medicines supplies Directorate from a black listed firm;

(b) if so, what is the outcome there-made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof, stating the action taken/proposed